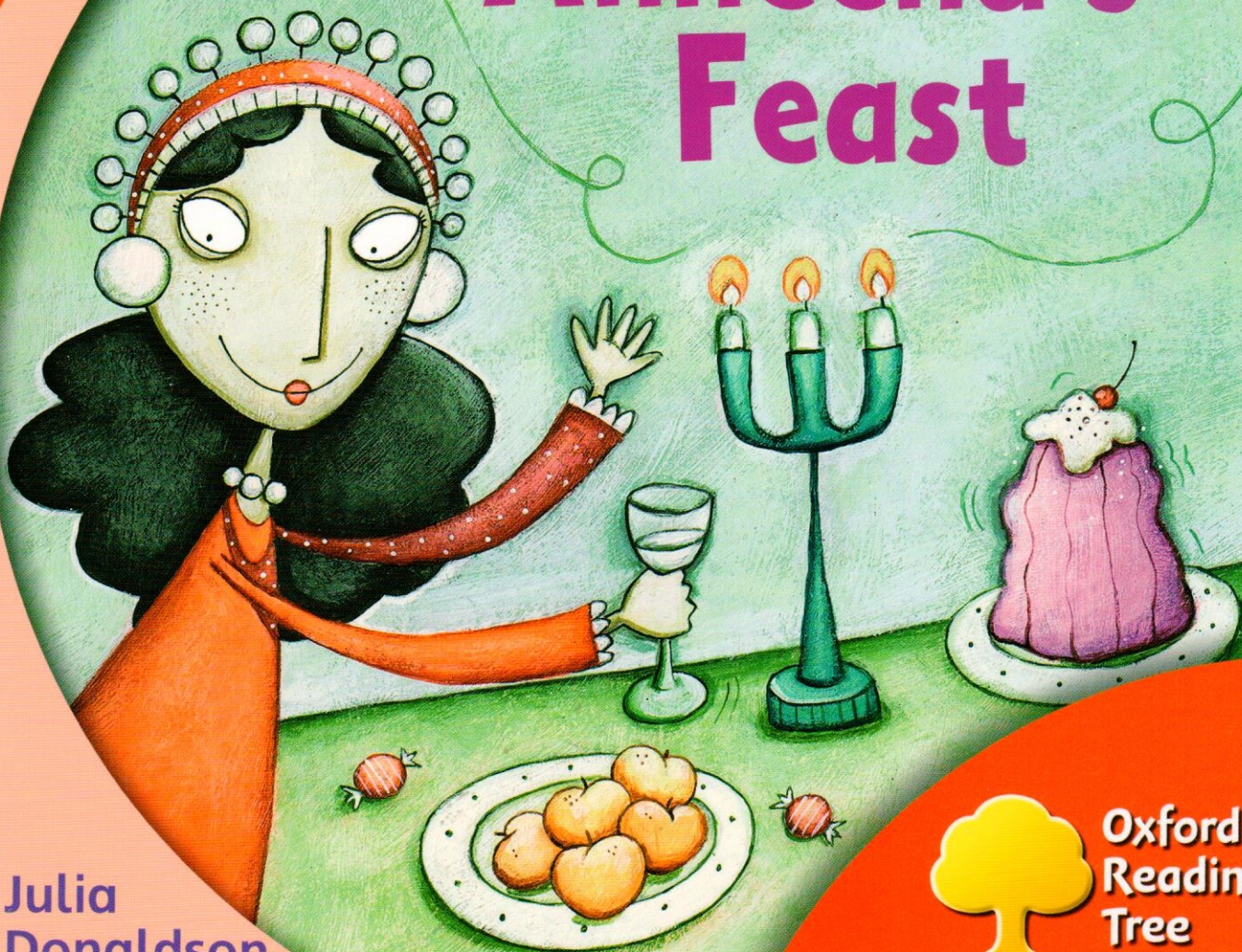




Songbirds

Phonics

Queen Anneena's Feast



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Talk together

Ask the child to

- Point to each pattern in the box on the back cover and say the sound that it makes in words. Tell the child that each of these letter patterns can make the same sound.
- Look out for these letter patterns in the story and try to remember the sound they make.

Read the story

Remember, children learn best when reading is relaxed and enjoyable so give lots of praise.

- Encourage the child to try to read any words they do not recognise by saying the sounds of each letter pattern separately (e.g. *Qu-ee-n*), then running the sounds together quickly. If the child finds it difficult to say the sounds, say the sounds for them first, then see if they can hear the word.
- Explain that it is important when running the sounds in a word together to check to see if it sounds like a real word as some words are less regular (e.g. *some*). Read these words to the child if they do not recognise them. Point out the letters that make the usual sound in each word (e.g. the *s* in *some*). This will help the child to remember these words.

Queen Anneena had a feast.



Fifteen queens came to the feast.



Queen Jean had heaps of meat.



Queen Nelly had heaps of jelly.



But Queen Teeny Weeny did
not eat.



"Have some peas and beans," said Queen Jean.



"No," said Queen Teeny Weeny.



"Have some jelly and cream," said Queen Nelly.



"No," said Queen Teeny Weeny.



"What do you want to eat then?"
said Queen Anneena.



"One green leaf," said
Queen Teeny Weeny. But there
was not a leaf to be seen!



Queen Anneena sent King Kareem to the shop.



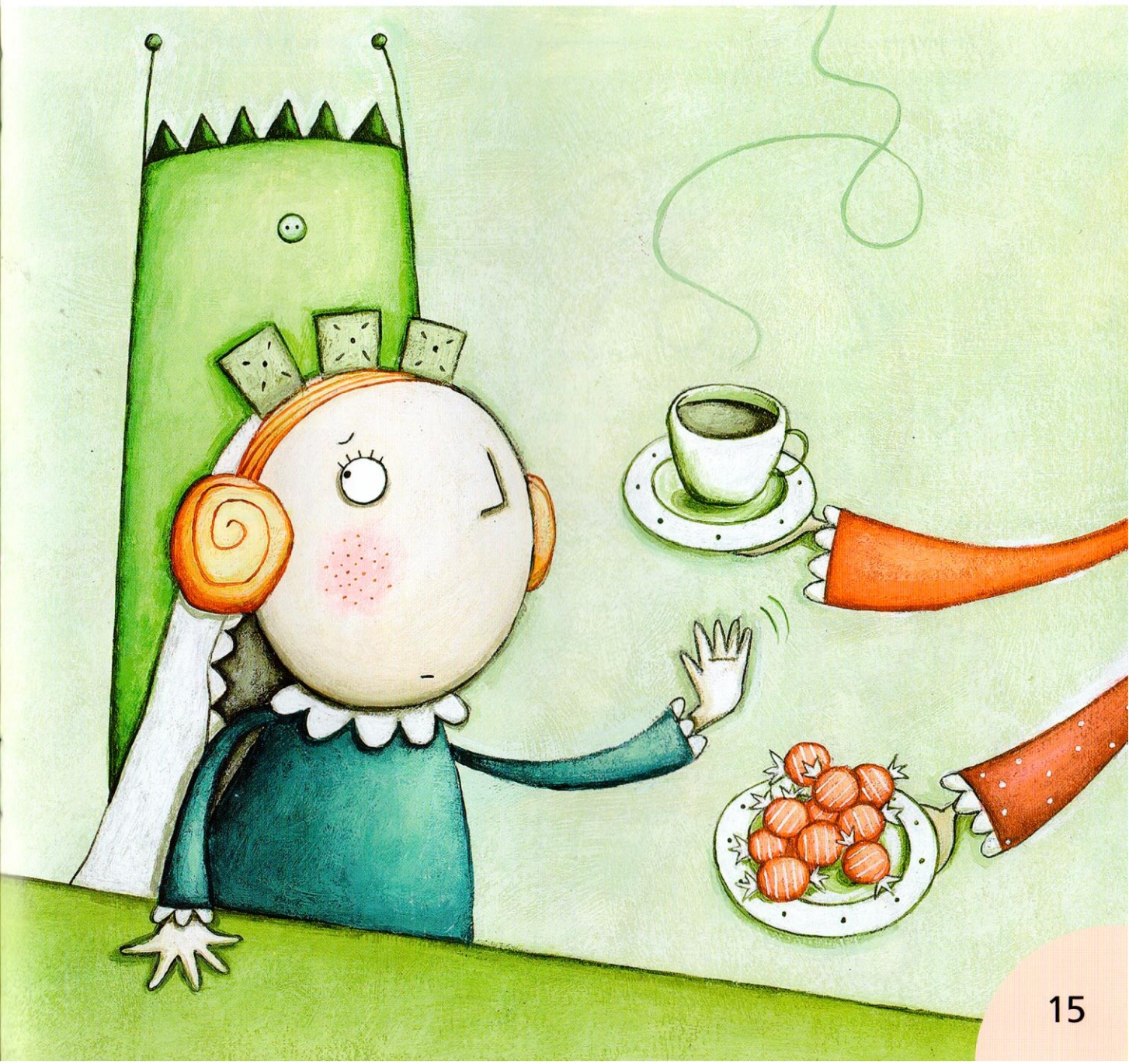
He came back with one green leaf.



Queen Anneena was happy to see Queen Teeny Weeny eat the leaf.
"Do you want some tea and a sweet?" she said.



"No," said Queen Teeny Weeny.



"I am going home to
clean my teeth."



Check comprehension

Ask the child

- Why didn't Queen Teeny Weeny eat at the beginning of the story? (She only wanted one green leaf.)
- What would you like to eat at a feast?

Check phonics (letter-pattern sounds)

Ask the child to

- Read page 4. Find two words which rhyme (*Nelly, jelly*).
- Point to the letter pattern that makes the long ee sound in the words.
- On page 14, find some more words which end with this letter pattern (*happy, Teeny, weeny*).
- On page 16, find and read some more words which contain a long ee sound (*clean, teeth*).
- Point to the letter pattern that makes the long ee sound in the words.
- Think of other words which contain long ee sounds (e.g. *leaf, seat, feet, been*).

Example phonic words: queen queens fifteen green seen see sweet teeth
Anneena Anneena's Teeny Weeny Kareem feast heaps meat eat peas
beans cream leaf tea clean Jean jelly happy Nelly Teeny Weeny be he she

Context words: came do going have home my no one some said the
there to want was what you